

## ALBERT IS RECAPTURED AFTER FRENZIED CHARGE

Falls Before Troops of Allies After One of War's Most Dashing Attacks.

### CHASSEUR TELLS THE STORY

Mounted on Little Arab Steeds They Ride Headlong Into Ranks of Imperial Prussian Guard and Put Them to Flight.

BY PATRICK DE BATHIE.

NORTHERN FRANCE, December 26.—I have just obtained further particulars of the magnificent charge by the Chasseurs d'Afrique, by which the allies retained possession of Albert. The Germans attacked Albert time and again with great ferocity. The busy industrial town was reduced to a mass of ruins by the bombardment.

In order to dislodge the enemy it was found necessary to have recourse to a vigorous counterattack. At the same time great masses of German cavalry were reported to be about five miles from Albert.

The French staff sent forward a regiment of Chasseurs d'Afrique to meet this cavalry body, which proved to be the Prussian Dragoons of the Guard. The Prussians were threatening the French line of communication with Arras.

The gallant chasseurs, mounted upon their little Arab steeds, advanced along the road to Becordel. From this point I quote from the words of a chasseur of the party, now in the hospital: "We rode through a little wood, in a ditch we saw the figure of a man lying face downwards in such a natural position that he looked as though he was asleep. Two of us dismounted, and, on turning him over, discovered him to be a uhlán, who had been shot in the head at close quarters, and could not have been dead long. We were puzzled, as none of our people had been out in this direction. However, we left him there, and followed on. We felt as calm as possible, and were eager to measure our strength against the dragoons of the Imperial Guard. At a mile or two from Las Basselle we made a halt. Our colonel held a council of war with his officers."

"Let us fire at them first before charging," said the captain of the third squadron, which was mine.

"No," replied the colonel, "our orders were exact, and drawing his sword, he cried, 'Allons, mes enfants!'"

"The colonel turned in his saddle, looking at us all, and, rising in his stirrups, waved his sword. It was a gesture which might be regarded as 'bravado' maneuvers, but on this occasion there seemed nothing out of place about it, as he shouted in a voice of thunder:

"Chasseurs, garde a vous, pour charger, sabre main, au trot—au galop—marche!"

The bugles sounded the charge, and all the officers repeated the words of command.

"The spirit of all the men was splendid. We felt this was a supreme moment. Off we went. Our dear little mounts broke into a gallop of their own accord. They seemed equally with us to understand the situation, and their drunkenness of battle was upon us all."

"Rapidly the distance between us and the foe was diminished; it was not long before we came well in sight of the enemy's lines. It was a solid compact line, apparently motionless, but which, nevertheless, was advancing towards us at a walk, as if they felt certain of victory against our onrush, in the distance.

"We got close together and had our horses well in hand. Our feet well in our stirrups right up to the heel, our spurs in the flanks of our mounts, our swords grasped in our left hand, our carbines in the right, we approached rapidly. A great cry went up: 'Charge! Charge!'"

"What a sight to see! All of us, from us all frantic hurrahs were shouted as we bore down upon the enemy. Off went our carbines at the same time, and we were soon laid aside, and we seized our swords from our left hand. At the thrust we charged, side by side, into the living wall which confronted us. Indescribable cries, the clashing of steel upon steel, the squealing of horses, followed. This began the lust for slaughter and the groaning of the wounded.

"In my turn I hacked at a breach for myself and drove into the struggling, cutting, mass, cutting right and left, carried away by the turmoil, helping with a mad frenzy my comrades to mow down the enemy like ripe corn. The dragoons of the guard fell around us leaving many a riderless horse, which tore here, there and everywhere, adding to the confusion and panic amongst the enemy. Like an avalanche, we broke through right to the rear of the German lines; the Imperial Dragoons crumpled up before us, and they galloped off, the rest lay upon the ground dead and wounded, while many a horse trotted off, his head high in the air, with bleeding flanks, carrying away the limp figure of a motionless rider.

"Suddenly a rattle is heard; it is the machine guns of the enemy opening fire upon us and the German artillery is seen coming into action. We immediately broke out into open order, changing our front, and at the same time we heard the reply from our own artillery beginning, whilst to our left and right our infantry attack was developing so rapidly that the German artillery, fearing to be outflanked, retired upon Guillemeot.

"Since that day Albert has no longer been bombarded, and when our plou plou pass by Labasselle, they say with enthusiasm:

"It's just here we ate up the Dragoons of the Imperial Guard!"

Some Lynchburg Weddings. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, Va., December 26.—Among the weddings solemnized here thus far during the Christmas season are the following:

Miss Hattie S. Seargent and William A. Thomas, both of Lynchburg.

## GERMANY MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL EXEQUATURS

Until This Government Is Notified, Will Determine on No Course of Action.

### DELICATE POINTS INVOLVED

President Wilson Will Continue to Regard Brand Whitlock as Minister to Belgium, Even Though He Leaves That Country Indefinitely.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—The United States government had received no notification late to-day from Germany that American consuls originally accredited to Belgium would be required to obtain new exequaturs or certificates of authority. Until such a notice is communicated, high officials said this government would determine on no course of action. Officials regarded the points involved as of a delicate character.

In reply to questions recently as to the status of Brand Whitlock, President Wilson replied that Whitlock would remain American minister to Belgium, even though he left the country indefinitely. He now is in Brussels, dealing unofficially with the German military authorities, but is accredited to the Belgian government, whose seat is at Havre, France.

The status of consular officers who are given specified districts presents a more complex problem. There has been no general understanding on this phase of the subject, but the precise meaning of the term "occupation" was established in a definition adopted by The Hague conference of 1899. By that definition territory is regarded as occupied "when it finds itself placed in fact under the authority of the hostile army; the occupation only extends to those territories where this authority is established and in a position to be exercised."

Should Germany formally annex Belgium and establish a civil authority, the situation would be further complicated, as annexations during time of war have not generally been recognized. Decisions of final peace conference terminating a conflict usually have been awaited by neutral governments.

Officials here are governed by a desire to take no step that would offend the Belgian people. If the German military authorities, however, require that additional exequaturs be obtained for American consuls, the Washington government, it was suggested, probably would not interpose objections. Such certificates would be regarded as in a class with military passes, safe conduct and other papers issued by belligerent governments for the convenience of neutral subjects. As consuls are essentially commercial representatives, the question of political recognition, it is thought in many quarters here, may not be raised.

In Mexico, where the United States consuls act under old exequaturs, which were signed by Madero officials, and are not now recognized in some parts of that country, the consuls, however, have dealt with the de facto authorities in each section, no matter what action such authorities represented.

M'ADOO LEAVES CAPITAL

Secretary of Treasury Will Open Exposition at San Diego, Cal.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—Secretary McAdoo left Washington to-night for San Diego, Cal., to open the Panama-California Exposition the night of December 31. Mrs. McAdoo accompanied him. They will be gone until January 1.

### NAVAL PARADE IN CANAL

Twenty-One Modern Battleships to Make Trip Through Waterway.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 26.—Twenty-one modern battleships, flying the Stars and Stripes and accompanied by their requisite collars and repair and supply ships, will follow the Oregon, the "old bull dog of the navy," through the Panama Canal when the fleet goes to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Rear-Admiral Fletcher, commanding the fleet, conferred with Secretary

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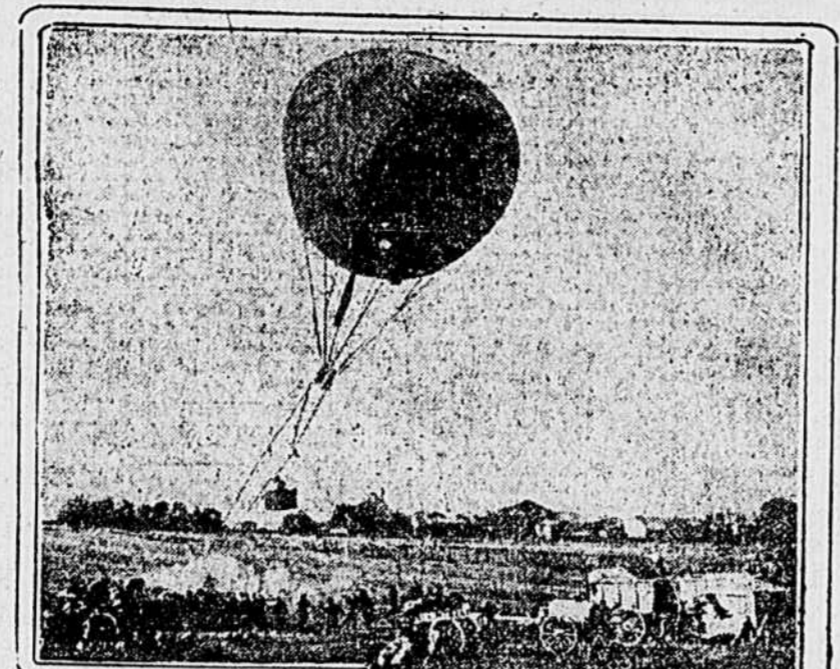
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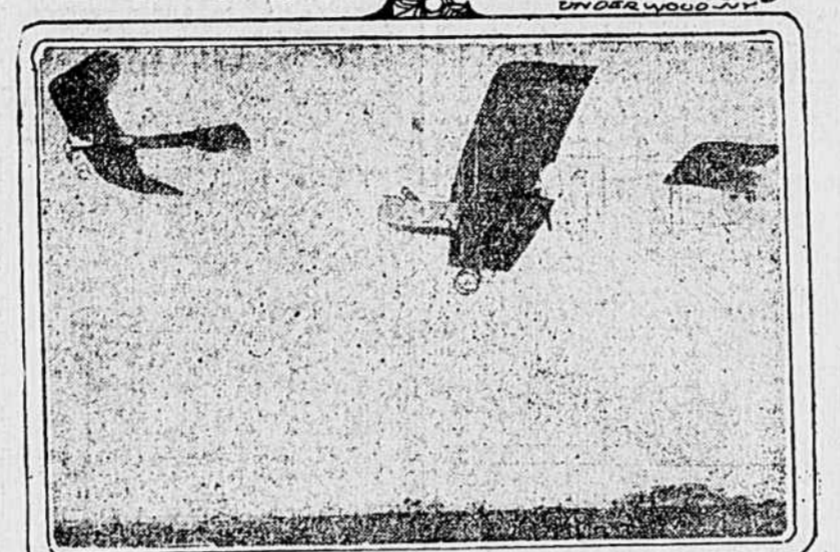
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## "EYES" OF THE MODERN ARMY



French War Balloon, also to Bombard Metz.



A German Taube and French Zipline.

This balloon was used at the French base as a captive balloon for observation purposes. The photograph was made just as the balloon was about to start to a salvo of guns fired by the French on her way to bombard the fortifications of Metz, which the Germans are occupying.

The lower picture shows one of the fast-flying German "Taubes," so-called because of its resemblance to a dove, endeavoring to escape from a pursuing French aero, which is equipped with a rapid-fire machine gun. The photograph was made just as the German "Taube," which was threatening outdistance him. The action took place above the battlefield of the Arras.

Daniels to-day regarding the naval parade. They discussed the advisability of taking in addition a flotilla of destroyers on the trip, but reached no decision. The fleet will leave New York about January 15 for winter manoeuvres near Guantanamo, Cuba. Ships in Southern waters will join the fleet there. The vessels that go to the Pacific will return to Hampton Roads about the last of February.

## Trimmed Hats

The Most Becoming, Stylish New Models \$1.00 on Monday . . . . .



Seldom, if ever, does a woman find a chance to select from such trimmed beauties as these at so remarkable a low price. Not a hat in this collection worth less than \$6.50, and if it were earlier in the season they would be surprise values at this figure—choose from these at only \$1.00

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## Cohen's Year End Clearance Day

A Clearance of Stocks on Monday That Means Much to You

To be of service to the greatest number of people it was definitely planned to have our stocks complete to the last minute for holiday shoppers.

NOW THERE MUST BE A CLEARANCE, and prices are accordingly reduced to the lowest figures to effect a speedy clean-up. You may be assured that the merchandise is desirable in every way. Hundreds of people who study economy will make it a point to come to Cohen's on Monday.

EVERY DOLLAR WILL DO DOUBLE DUTY. If you have delayed buying winter clothing or other home and personal needs, HERE, THEN IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.



## Pre-Inventory Sale Coats, Suits and Dresses

A clean-up before stock-taking. They must go, and that accounts for these ridiculously low prices. There will be DRESSES that sold up to \$24.50, showing everything made of satin, crepes and serges—

SUITS that have been selling to \$22.50 will also be sacrificed; and, lastly,

COATS which are always needed, here Monday, not at \$15 or \$18.50, the price at which they were selling; all will go on sale, choice. . . . .

**\$10.00**

## Infants' Needs

With the winter yet before us, mothers will rejoice because of these remarkable timely offerings.

Coats, in sizes from 2 to 6 years of age, only one or two of a kind, but all are of the most stylish makes; new, desirable models, perfect in every way. We want to reduce our stock. This accounts for the remarkable price inducement on Monday.



Coats that regularly sell to \$10.50, \$5 choice for only

White Coats, of various wool materials; some are slightly soiled from being displayed, and all were \$8.00; Monday priced at. . . \$3.75

48c Flannel Kimonos, white with pink or blue trim— 35c

Fine Nainsook Gowns, sizes 2 to 2 years; instead of 33c 44c, for Monday only. . . 33c

\$1.75 Red Wool Sweaters, in small sizes only, are priced at. . . \$1.00 Second Floor.

## Warm Knit Underwear

With the really cold wintery weather just beginning, many will want warm, comfortable Underwear. Every need for person and purse will be found in this complete Underwear section at Cohen's.

Medium Weight Ribbed Vest and Pants for women, of the finest Egyptian cotton; silk trimmed front and neck; in regular and extra sizes; these are the best 50c garments made; our special price is . . . 38c

Union Suits for Girls, high neck and long sleeves, ankle length, nicely finished, for . . . 39c

Boys' Union Suits, made by one of the best knit underwear manufacturers, who knows how to make a comfortable, perfect fitting garment for boys; these are in sizes up to 16 years. . . 50c

Wool and Silk Mixed Shirts and Drawers for children; these have the tailor-made finish, which means that the seams are perfectly flat; they are silk trimmed, and the

prices are 39c, 50c and 65c, according to sizes.

Infants' Half Wool Ribbed 25c

Vests for . . . 25c

The Jersey Ribbed Vest and Tights for women, snug fitting garments for . . . 50c

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Women's Vests and Pants 50c

are from \$1.50 down to . . . 50c

Women's Union Suits, \$1.00

\$3.00 down to . . . 50c

Munsing Shirts and Drawers for children are 50c to . . . 50c

Munsing Union Suits for \$1.00

boys and girls suit . . . 50c

Second Floor.

## Dress Goods

50c Imperial Serge, in navy blue or navy black; per yard . . . 38c

\$8.00 Chinchilla Cloaking, in brown, navy blue or black; per yard . . . \$1.75 Main Floor.

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## Beddings--Third Floor

Some extraordinary good buying advantages in this Bedding Section to-morrow. In a day or two we must move this stock to the basement store, so we wish to make the stock as light as possible before doing so. Many others besides these—

Cot Blankets, a pair, 38c

75c Cotton Blankets, 59c

pair, only . . . 59c

\$1.50 Fleece Blankets, 1.00

extra size, pair. . . 1.00

Bleached Sheets, full double-bed size, each. . . 29c

Heavy Blankets, wool napped, full 11-4 size, per pair, only . . . \$1.79

Fine Sheets, linen finish, size 81x90, hand-torn and hemmed, each . . . 59c

12 1/2c Pillow Cases, bleached, each . . . 8 1/2c

lot in neat checks and stripes; choice . . . \$1.90

Knickerbocker Pants, sizes 6 to 17 years; every pair well worth 75c; Monday . . . 38c

Boys' Sweaters, in navy blue; all are good 50c ones; choose from them Monday . . . 29c

Other Norfolk Suits, a splendid lot . . . Third Floor.

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